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# GENERAL 'LY SPEAKING

April 4-8, 2016

Dispatches From  
The Eisenhower Memorial Commission

## Great Americans Show Their Support For Ike's Memorial



Recently, great Americans gathered in New York City to support the construction of the National Eisenhower Memorial in Washington, DC. An event hosted by Finance Campaign Chair [Senator Bob Dole](#), Advisory Committee member [Tom Brokaw](#) and co-founder of



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The Home Depot Ken Langone, honored past [Congressional Medal of Honor](#) recipients.

Many troops that Eisenhower commanded during World War II went on to be honored with the Medal of Honor. As President of course, Eisenhower personally presented a number of recipients with the honor. Ike, always a humble leader, turned down the proposal by General George Marshall to nominate him for the Medal of Honor after Operation Torch, citing that the award should be reserved for bravery and valor, and thus the troops that fought under him.

[National Medal of Honor Day](#) was observed on March 25, 2016.



## Make a Contribution

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## Veterans Like Ike



**TEXAS VETERANS  
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Texas Veterans like Ike! The Texas Veterans Commission ([TVC](#)) has graciously supported the Eisenhower Memorial by writing to both the House and Senate Appropriations Committees, encouraging their support for construction funding. "It is my hope that Congress takes action to expedite the memorial's completion by the goal

date of 2019 to ensure that our remaining World War II and Korean War Veterans can visit the memorial in their lifetimes," stated Eliseo "Al" Cantu, Jr., Chairman of the TVC, in the letter. Eisenhower was born in Denison, Texas and is a special source of pride for Texas veterans. The TVC joins the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) and the American Legion in support of the Eisenhower Memorial. The [VFW](#) and [American Legion](#) both passed resolutions of support at their 2015 national conventions.



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## Ike In History

Friday, April 1, marked the 62nd birthday of the [United States Air Force Academy](#). On April 1, 1954, President Eisenhower signed Public Law 325 formally authorizing the creation of the US Air Force Academy. Eisenhower was the first Army Chief of Staff to support forcefully and facilitate the creation of the [United States Air Force](#) as a separate and coequal branch of our nation's military services. While [President of Columbia University](#), Ike chaired the board that recommended the creation of the Academy. Today the Air Force

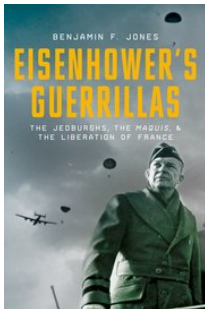
Academy Eisenhower Golf Course is named in his honor for his influential role in the Academy's creation.



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**Eisenhower's Guerrillas:**

**The Jedburghs, the Maquis, and the Liberation of France**

by Benjamin F. Jones

Released February 3, 2016

Oxford University Press

- The first work to consider how the impact of the high-level strategic disconnect on the Jedburghs
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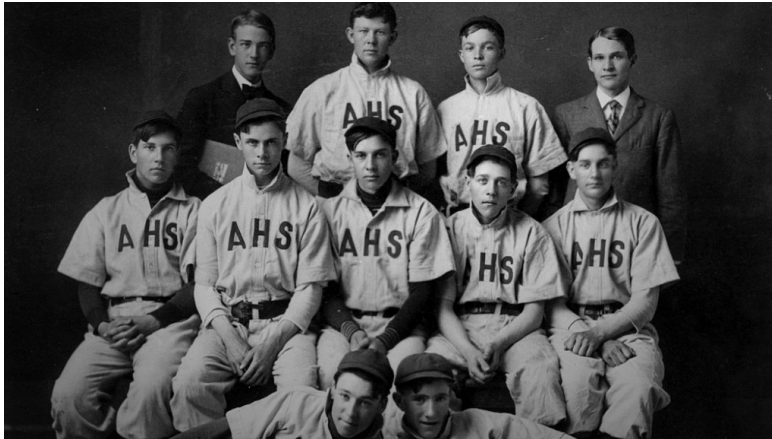
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## Test Your Ike'spertise!

**Trivia Question:** Baseball is back this week! Eisenhower played baseball in high school and at West Point and is rumored to have secretly played semi-professional ball in Kansas under the name "Wilson." What position did he play? (answer below)



*Dwight Eisenhower, second from right in top row, and his Abilene High School baseball teammates in Kansas, 1908. Credit: Dwight D. Eisenhower Presidential Library*

*When I was a small boy in Kansas, a friend of mine and I...talked about what we wanted to do when we grew up. I told him that I wanted to be a real major league baseball player, a genuine professional like Honus Wagner. My friend said that he'd like to be President of the United States. Neither of us got our wish.*

- Dwight D. Eisenhower

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